



**Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club  
General Meeting  
Point-of-Woods Community Center  
August 11, 2004  
7:30 PM**

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Present: Jim Gilmer, Jim Tierney, Bob Irwin, Harry Hennessy, Gregg Hammond, Robert Moore, Jess Spatz, Doug Bowden, Debbie Beach, Ray Lee, Nancy Briskie, Tim McGuire, Elaine Humphrey (later).

I. Call to Order (J. Gilmer)

At 7:40 the meeting was called to order.

II. Reading and approval of minutes (D. Beach/J. Spatz):

The minutes were sent out and are on the website. A few typographical errors were noted. Bob Irwin made a motion to accept them, Bob Moore 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, July minutes accepted.

III. Reports of Officers

- a. President (J. Gilmer): -Mike Hannah's mother passed away last Friday. The club sent flowers to the funeral and a card was sent on behalf of the club.  
-Other comments will be covered more specifically as we work through the agenda.  
-There are committees forming for searches for the Pacesetter Editor and nominating committee and strategic planning. Committees are very important since the club only meets once a month and committees are the best way to get things done in between meetings.
- b. Executive Vice President (B. Irwin): -Kim Irwin asked him to address the Bethlehem races. Would the club be interested in splitting the profits from the races with the Bethlehem X-C team since the team and the parents all help with the races and the course. The X-C team is trying to raise money for their trip to a national event. This is something that club policy prohibits. The club could make a donation to the team, but would it be considered fair to other schools? The suggestion was to advertise in the Pacesetter asking for donations at the races in addition to advertising while at the race. The policy is old but it is to avoid the club being tangled up in too many charities. The race actually has either lost money or barely broken even in previous years.
- c. Executive Vice President – Finance (J. Thomas): Not present, no report.
- d. Secretary (D. Beach/J. Spatz): Jess announced that she will be retiring in October from the co-secretary position and from all committees and as race director due to moving away in October.
- e. Treasurer (M. Hannah): not present, no report.

IV. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. Membership (N. Briskie): Will go to the next 2 X-C races with the display and Pacesetters. There are 15 new individual memberships and 3 new family memberships. One new membership donated \$10 and one renewal donated \$25. 5 memberships said they were interested in volunteering. The form for membership on the website does not have a place to check off if interested in volunteering. Nancy is working with Ed Neiles on changing it. Clare Jones from Thompson Delmar Learning is holding a Health Fair on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-3:00 at their Clifton park location. There are 300 on-site employees and they approached us about setting up a booth at the Fair. They are looking at bringing in a group of vendors that promote staying active, healthy and fit. They will provide table and chairs. Nancy will set up the display with pictures, extra Pacesetters,

the tri-fold and some race applications and needs a volunteer to be there since it is a work day. Jess will attend the Health Fair for the club that day since she will not be working at that point.

b. Volunteers (Tim McGuire): Nancy has been e-mailing him the new members, he wanted an existing master list of members so he knows who to put race directors in contact with when they are seeking volunteers. Nancy has a master list of members, but those who have expressed a willingness to volunteer are few in number. If they had expressed interest in volunteering in the past, this may not still be recorded in the database. Tim will contact all the RDs and introduce himself so that they know who to contact for volunteers.

c. Public Relations (P. Murray): Relayed to Jess (verbally) that all is under control.

d. Race Committee (D. Bowden):

-1: Insurance: all races have certificates through the Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Voorheesville Race.

-2: 40 12" traffic cones and 25 vests were purchased after an inventory was done and the cost was \$472.50. He will send receipt to Susie Bacon. Will stencil the cones and the vests say USATF on them. Doug needs help, he needs more flags. Where have they been purchased in the past? Jim suggested searching the web. Rail Road Ave. has some construction equipment companies, look in the Yellow pages.

-3. Summer track series is over, 48 people participated in the Pentathlon, a record number. ILTR: lost \$\$\$ this year—over \$600 (bad news). Should increase the registration fee. Good news: have 2 new RDs—co directors: Mike Kelly and Chuck Tanner Jr. who has been the course coordinator for the past few years. They will be meeting with the Park manager next Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> along with Doug and Jim. The Park is very pleased to see the race continue. 293 registered, which is big numbers. They had cut back on advertising but still had a lot of people. WMAC chartered a bus and will do it again. WMAC made our picnic their annual picnic this year.

-4. There was a discussion about the best day for the Race Committee meeting. It will be Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August at the Guilderland Library at 7:30. There are 2 more X-C races and SEFCU on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. There is a course for SEFCU and it will be measured this Friday morning by Jim and Armand. It will be certified (pending) by race day.

e. Race Committee Treasurer (S. Bacon): Race Directors report:

1) Delmar Dash: profit of \$305.27 vs. \$1145 last year.

2) ILTR: <\$611.10> vs. <\$575> last year. (losses)

3) Hour Run: profit of \$21.95 vs. <\$18> last year.

4) 2 Person Relay: profit of \$122.12 vs. <\$67> last year.

Checking account activity:

**BALANCE FROM LAST REPORT: \$6932.47**

TOTAL DEPOSITS: \$4404.45, TOTAL DEBITS: \$3853.47

**BALANCE TO DATE: \$7483.45**

OUTSTANDING REPORTS: - Winter Marathon '04, GHI Corporate Challenge, Colonie Mile, Pentathlon.

f. Safety Committee (H. Hennessy): After the last meeting, he got a bunch of safety brochures to Josh Merlis and he was overwhelmed. He was near Anaconda Sports and he gave them a bunch and they were thrilled. He also dispensed some at Falmouth. They are getting out there.

g. Pace Setter (D. Wilken/E. Neiles): Pacesetter Report: Nothing new to report. Kindly have your material to Ed Neiles by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the Pacesetter.

## V. Reports of Special Committees

- a. Grand Prix Subcommittee (B. Irwin/J. Moore): No report, Jim is tallying points. There was a policy where there would be a Masters runner and an open runner to represent to the Race Committee thoughts on the races that are Grand Prix races. It seems ok now as it stands. However, there were some ties in the past years and this is somewhat disconcerting to some people. However, as it stands now, it will be left alone.
- b. Hall of Fame (C. Kelly): There are some nominations that have been entered and the nominations have been closed. There will be a meeting to decide upon recipients. Debbie Beach would like to have the recipients before the 25<sup>th</sup> of September so that it can be in the November Pacesetter with the banquet advertisement.
- c. Nominating Committee (J. Tierney): There was a notice in the August Pacesetter listing a ballot for the officers for the coming year. There have been no petitions sent in by mail and today was the deadline. There has been no one interested in Executive Vice President. Robert Moore asked about 6 members about it and no one wanted to do it due to work obligations. This has happened in the past and eventually someone comes along to fill the bill. It is a 2 year commitment and quite a bit of work, especially the second year. Jim Tierney, Elaine Humphrey and Don Wilken are serving on the nominating committee and are actively searching for an Executive Vice President.
- d. Pacesetter Editor Search Committee (J. Gilmer): People will serve on the committee: Vince Juliano, Josh Merlis (maybe) and another person: Daryl Caron. Daryl knows a lot of people in the newsletter world and about sports and writing about them. A chairperson is still needed for the search committee. Elaine suggested that the committee should meet and they choose their own chairperson. Jim will talk to the committee members about this as soon as possible. Perhaps it would be best if the editor position was divided between more people—at least 2. Doug suggested making the Pacesetter electronic and less frequent since it would be a good opportunity to find editors that will do this that way due to times changing and the needs of people changing. It could be cheaper and some of it could be outsourced.

## VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Legal Review of Scholarship Procedure (B. Irwin): The latest was to have a conference call with the attorneys: Whiteman, Osterman, and Hanna to review our by-laws and the scholarship policies. This is to cover the legal aspects of this awarding of money to the students. There will need to be new committee members since Jess and Jay are resigning. There is a need for at least 2 more people for the committee. We should ask for a photo of the winners. Bob will stay on as committee chairperson.
- b. Safety Campaign Report (J. Merlis): The person who did the video is not responding to Jim's efforts to contact him. The guy has not returned any of Josh's calls either. The video is a month overdue.
- c. Strategic Planning Committee (J. Gilmer): Nothing till Bob's term. Jim and Mike Hannah have agreed to serve on the committee. Will try to get others. Big communication changes may be needed so we will need the help of Ed Neiles and Ray Newkirk.

## VII. New Business

- a. Member-initiated Business: there will be a final A.R.E. run with a BBQ at the Rensselaer Lake Park on the 26th August. There will be trail runs tomorrow and the 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.
- b. Nancy Briskie wanted to use the member list to mail out her race applications for the race that she is putting on in September. This cannot be done, but can build her mailing lists from other RDs.

VIII. Announcements

a. Refreshments for September: Susie Bacon

IX. Adjourn: Harry made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Debbie at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted:

Jess Spatz, DVM

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